

Aloha;

I am making a comment on behalf of my local internet service provider. The company I

use for internet access, Hawaii Link, cannot compete with Verizon. Verizon charges

Hawaii Link customers a "Digital Subscriber Line Fee", which, when combined with Hawaii Link's already-minimal monthly fee, brings their service to at least \$20 more

than Verizon's "integrated" price. There is no way to compete with this.

Verizon, which

is also the phone company and can advertise on their phone bill and has the money for

local mass mailing and television/radio and newspaper ads, assures me this is completely legal and perfectly complies with the FCC and Federal regulations.

How can

this be? Here is a cost breakdown:

Verizon DSL Service:

Verizon fee: \$29.95

Hawaii Link DSL Service:

Hawaii Link Fee: \$18.95

Verizon Digital Subscriber Line Fee: \$34.95

How is this possibly legal? This is completely monopolistic, and I think this issue

deserves national attention as many local companies suffer the same fate at the hands

of Verizon and similar corporations.

Mahalo,

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